Appomattox County - Yesterday And Today

by Paul Ghioto

In 1819, Alexander Patteson built a 2½ story, red brick building as a residence for his family and an official way station for his stagecoach line stretching from Richmond to Salem, Virginia. In 1820 it was listed on maps as "Patteson's Tavern" in what was then part of Prince Edward County. (Ed. note - last week's readers will recall that Appomattox County wasn't founded until 1845). Alexander's residence is first listed in correspondence as early as 1830 as "Clover Hill."

The stage line flourished and when its owner died in 1836, Clover Hill had become the capital of a small, financial empire. Land holdings in Prince Edward and Campbell Counties, in addition to stage gear and teams in three others, were left to the Patteson heirs who subsequently moved west.

Competition from canal and railroad systems led to the demise of the stage line after Patteson's death. Nevertheless, Clover Hill Tavern continued as such under different owners up to and beyond the day of Appomattox County's most historical event - the surrender of General Lee's Confederate army on April 9, 1865 in the McLean House about 100 yard away.

Wilson Hix owned the tavern then, which an article in the New York **Herald** mentioned as being named "Glenn's Hotel." Union Brigadier General George Sharpe, in charge of paroling Lee's army, had his headquarters here.

The tavern, and nine acres with it, became part of the holdings of the ill-fated Appomattox Land Company in 1889. This company was the driving force behind the first attempts to develop the historic "Surrender Grounds" area.

Development was not to come for another 45 years when legislation authorizing the establishment of Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument was passed in 1935. Mrs. Adelia Ferguson was the tavern's last private owner when she deeded it and 9.38 acres to the United States Government in June, 1936. The tavern and the old courthouse village's last private tenant was Mr. Joel Guill who moved out on July 31, 1940.

The Clover Hill Tvern was partially restored to its Civil War appearance in 1955 by the National Park Service. Used as a museum until the present visitor center was completed ten years later, it serves today exclusively as offices for the historical park. Future plans call for the tavern's first floor interior to also be restored.

The historic name of "Clover Hill" can also still be found on an Appomattox County voting precinct and tax district.

Photograph courtesy of National Park Service.

Quiz items taken from N. R. Featherston's "History of Appomattox."

Looking Back

1. Which man has not been a County Commonwealth Attorney?
a.) W. M. Abbitt b.) Joel Flood c.) W. S. Jamerson d.) Crawford Jones

2. The County Sheriff in 1948 was:
a.) S. P. Coleman b.) Winston McKinney c.) William Paris d.) Wm. Gills.

3. The community of Bent Creek was once known as:
a.) Diuguidville d.) Maxville c.) Franklin's Mill d.) Bent's Fort.

4. The Confederate Cemetery was set up in:
a.) 1865 b.) 1866 c.) 1860 d.) 1901.

5. Appomattox County was not carved from which county?
a.) Prince Edward b.) Charlotte c.) Nelson d.) Campbell

Answers: 1.) c 2.) b 3.) a 4.) b 5.) c

OAKVILLE 4-H HOLDS MEETING

The meeting of the Oakville 4-H Club was held January 13, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. John Jones called the meeting to order. The pledges were given to the American and 4-H Flags. The floor was then opened for business. A motion was made and passed that the club have a Valentine Party for the Juvenile Home. This will be held on Feb. 17 from 6-8:30 at the Oakville School. it was announced that there would be a Public Speaking Contest at the Intermediate School on Feb. 6 at 7: p.m. An inter-county exchange between the Oakville 4-H Club and another was discussed.

Work has begun on a 4-H Livestock Judging Team. Persons from the Oakville Club that are interested are Ricky Tanner, Gary Harris, R. L. Harris, Robert Dyess, Mary Dyess, and John Jones. Mr. Goldman made note of a Junior Livestock Show that will be held in Charlottesville this spring. All business completed, the meeting was then adjourned.

Bobby Harris, Reporter

FBLA Report

The regular meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America was called to order on January 22 by the president, Sheila Franklin. Devotions were then given by Joan Wright, chaplain. The minutes of the last meeting and roll call were given by Grace Ranson, secretary. The Who's Who committee announced the girl of the month. Joan Wright was the recipient of this month's Who's Who title. We had our program which consisted of Mr. Marvin House speaking to the members about banking which he discussed the services the bank offers and gave a brief summary of each topic. Then the meeting was adjourned. Plans were made for the upcoming FBLA week in February afterwards.

Sarah Brown, Reporter

January Bible Study At Liberty Baptist

The annual January Bible Study will be held at 7 p.m. on February 2-5 at Liberty Baptist Church. Rev. Bob Thompson, Minister of Education at First Baptist Church Clarendan of Arlington, Virginia will be the guest teacher. Mr. Thompson is also brining the Muppets from First Church for a special performance.

The Book of Acts is the topic for study. The public is invited to attend.

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Ladies Blouses Nylon Knit Long Sleeve Value $3.00 SALE $1.97
Boy's Shirts SIZE 8 - 18 Regular $3.59 2 for SALE $5.00
Boy's Slacks SIZE 10-12-14-18 Values $4.00 -$5.00 SALE $2.00
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Ladies Tights $3.00 VALUE SEAMLESS – STRETCH SALE $1.00
ENTIRE STOCK Ladies Slacks REG. $5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00 SALE $2.00; $3.00; $4.00; $5.00; $6.00
Dan River "No Iron" Sheets 50% POLYESTER 50% COTTON PATTERN –CHECK in Yellow -Pink-Green REGULAR SALE: DOUBLE FLAT-FITTED $4.49 $3.27; TWIN FITTED $3.49 $2.47; PILLOW CASES PAIR $2.79 $1.77
Artificial Flowers FALL ASSORTMENT REGULAR 10¢ SALE 5¢ Each
Men's Ties VALUE $3.50 - $4.00 SALE $2.00
Ladies Blouses REGULAR $5.00 $7.00 -$8.00 SALE $2 $4
Ladies Dresses REGULAR $18.00 $15.00 $12.00-$13.00 SALE $10 $8 $6
BRUSHED ACETATE Gowns REGULAR $2.29 $1
LADIES All Weather Coats WITH PILE LININGS $25.00 Value SALE $16
Ladies Dress Bags VALUE $5.00 SALE $3
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Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick, Jr.

ed In Double Ring Ceremony

marriage of Miss Vanes- to William McCor- Jr. took place January 4 p.m. at Maple Grove Church. The bride is ghter of Mr. and Mrs. Slough of Appomattox bridegroom is the son and Mrs. William Sr. of Richmond. Rev. Don Bryant, pastor Grove, officiated at mony.

Mrs. Tammy Haskins of Danville, Va. was matron of honor and the bride's only attendant. Milton Puckett of Richmond was bestman and ushers were Danny Slough and Kenneth McCormick.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the church's lounge.

The couple is now making their home in Appomattox.

cord Garden Meeting

Concord Garden Club day, January 13, at of Mrs. J. H. Delicious morning were served by Mrs. Hancock, and Mrs. C. F. Keesee. were given by Hancock, after which the was called to order by dent, Mrs. Roy David- November minutes and a short report. on the Christmas The club extended to Mr. and Mrs. Doug- for opening their home to members during Christmas season. The rer's report was given. Pratt reported that has applied for two to Nature Camp coming summer. Mrs. reported that the in Rustburg was de- for Christmas with the of Mrs. Graf and The staff was most The club voted to a Life Membership. pointed the Executive to make final ments on this matter. Hancock and Mrs. Hite pointed to the Nominat- mittee.

Clyde Nash of Appo- presented an excellent on Dried Arrange- He spoke on the methods of gathering drying dried materials, techniques used in storing arranging and the artistic containers, line, and

"Winter Moods"; Mesdames Webb; Crow- Keesee; Red: Mesdames Davidson; Graf. Furniture: Blue: Davidson Hancock.

Red Cross Meeting Scheduled

The American Red Cross organization meeting which was postponed January 20 because of snow will hold its meeting February 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank Branch, Triangle Plaza.

You're Invited . .

The Rocks Quartet
request the honor of your presence at a gospel sing on Saturday evening the first of February nineteen hundred and seventy-five at half after seven o'clock in honor of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at Rocks Baptist Church Pamplin, Virginia

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Woman's Club To Meet Monday Night

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night, February 3, 1975, at the Farmers National Bank Triangle Plaza Branch.

Mrs. Floyd Eggleston, Acting Chairman of the Fine Arts Department in the absence of Mrs. Howlette Martin, is in charge of the program for the evening.

All members are urged to bring exhibits of arts or crafts. Exhibits will be accepted at 7 p.m.

Judges for the Fine Arts Program will be Mrs. Richard Bartelt, Mrs. Perry McCraw and Mrs. Lloyd Walton. The panel of judges will be entertained at dinner at the Parkway Restaurant prior to the meeting as guests of the Fine Arts Department.

Birthdays

Elsie Mae Hackney Holtman
Ted Walker Jennings ..... Jan. 17
Donald Ferguson ..... Jan. 22
Louise Blackwell ..... Jan. 11
Martha Lee ..... Jan. 12
Alma Almond ..... Jan. 16
Ida Roach ..... Jan. 17
Rachel Lee ..... Jan. 20
Anita Richardson ..... Jan. 20
Wendy Lee ..... Jan. 27
Rodney Roach ..... Jan. 28
Lucille Maxwell ..... Jan. 30
Graydon C. Maxwell ..... Jan. 8
Otis Richardson ..... Jan. 25
Virginia Ryan ..... Jan. 20
Alan Harris ..... Jan. 19
W. R. Moore ..... Jan. 29
Ethel St. John ..... Jan. 27
Joe Maxwell ..... Jan. 19
Debbie Webber ..... Jan. 27
Barbara Anne Carter Mayberry ..... January 26

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SOCIETY NEWS

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Miss Debbie Caldwell of VPI & SU spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Caldwell.

Mr. Albert C. (Kit) Reynolds is a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville where he is receiving treatment for burns sustained in an accident last Tuesday morning. Address: Mr. Albert C. Reynolds, Sr., Burn Center, University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, VA.

Plicky Williams of VPI & SU spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Edith M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Hendrick and Alfears, of Blacksburg, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Sears.

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Spiggle announce the birth of a son, Paul Wade, born January 23, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Spiggle of Rt. 2, Gladstone. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lowis C. Granato, of Appomattox. Mr. and Mrs. Spiggle have a daughter, Teresa Ann, age 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wildfong, of Michigan, visited his sister, Mrs. Ida McCann and other relatives in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wildfong, Mrs. Ida McCann, and Davis, motored to Franklin, Va to visit Mrs. McCann's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Babb and family. They also visited friends in Amherst.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Ida McCann recently were Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCann and daughter, Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Almond McCann and Frank McCann, all of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg and children, Hugh and Nadine, visited in Richmond during the past week end.

Dinner guest of Mrs. Dorothy Garrett Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cyrus, Mr. and Mrs. Homsey Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Marie Ferguson, Judy and Jane, all of Lynchburg, Mr. Dellie O'Brien, Mr. Harry Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McFaden, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith, Mrs. Molly Rogers, Mrs. Mary Lizzie Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson, all of Appomattox, Mr. Howard Ferguson of Chevy Chase, Md. This dinner was in celebration of Mrs. Wade Ferguson's 76th birthday. She also received many nice and useful gifts.

Mr. Howard Ferguson has returned to his home in Chevy Chase, Md., after spending ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson.

Mrs. Tressie Ferguson, Mr. Roland Smith and Mr. Tucker Ferguson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, Monday.

Named To Dean's List

"Plicky" Williams, a senior at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, has been named to the Dean's List in the College of Education for the Fall Quarter. The Dean's List is obtained by acquiring a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Plicky is the son of Mrs. Edith M. Williams of Appomattox. He is majoring in Health and Physical Education and plans to graduate in June of this year.

Announce Birth

A son, Ronald Jeffrey, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Statton of Rt. 2, Appomattox, on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Paulette of Rt. 1, Appomattox. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton of Rt. 2, Concord, Va. The Stratton's have two other children, Monica Lynn, age 6; Brett Douglas, age 2½.

ACHS S-CA Report

The monthly meeting of the SCA was held January 15, 1975 in the music room. President Marvin Watson, called the meeting to order. Joe Ford, Chaplin, lead us in devotions. Debbie McIvor, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Old business was then called for. The committee in charge of keeping the school clean reported that signs had been placed in the restrooms.

The floor was then open for new business. Debbie McIvor suggested that we have a school song. It was decided that a contest be held for the lyrics and tune of the song. A social event for the month of February came to the floor. There was no decision reached about it.

Nancy Stratton, Reporter

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Honored On Retirement

After twenty-five years employment at Inges Department Store, Inc., Mrs. Gladys P. Johnson retired January 1, 1975. Fellow-employees, Mrs. Katherine W. Carson, Mrs. Vara Hanenkrat, Mrs. Peggy Franklin and Mrs. Audrey Hamilton, honored Mrs. Johnson on Thursday with a luncheon at the Parkway Restaurant.

In the photo above, Mrs. Carson, an employee of twenty years, is shown presenting a silver tray to Mrs. Johnson, a gift from the employees.

Photo by Frank Elder

Celebrate 54th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hamlin celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary January 16th when they were honored by their children with a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Elder.

They were married in Mars Hill, North Carolina, on January 21, 1921. They have four children, thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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